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Boy sees no charges in Bonneau death; in social services custody



Raymond Shingoose, executive director of Yorkton Tribal Council Child and Family Services, left; Chief Sheldon Tappotat of Kahkewistahaw First Nation; Andrea Brittin, assistant deputy minister of child and family services; and RCMP Staff Sgt. Larry Brost speak to media on Tuesday about the slaying of six-year-old Lee Bonneau, inset. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO; INSET: COURTESY RCMP

Homicide. Suspect in death of six-year-old Lee Bonneau held at facility with 24-hour supervision, deemed 'in need of protection'



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Lee Bonneau should have begun Grade 2 on Tuesday — but it was a day, instead, when information about the six-year-old's grisly death, allegedly at the hands of another child, was released by police.

At a news conference in Regina, Staff Sgt. Larry Brost, acting officer in charge of an RCMP major crimes unit, confirmed that if the suspect had not been under the age of 12 — the age needed to face the legal system under the federal Youth Criminal Justice Act — he would have been charged with murder in the tragedy at a Saskatchewan First Nation.

"There is no other person at this point in time in the investigation that could be responsible, other than this child," Brost told reporters at RCMP divisional headquarters.

The boy — whose age has not been made public due to privacy legislation — is in the custody of the Ministry of Social Services and is being

held at an out-of-home facility equipped with 24-hour supervision.

He is deemed "in need of protection," according to Social Services, while medical and other professionals determine the kind of treatment and supervision he will require.

Lee died on Aug. 21 at southeast Saskatchewan's Kahkewistahaw First Nation from head trauma caused by a weapon — not a gun or knife, police confirmed, but a weapon "of opportunity."

Lee had last been seen walking with the other boy after he went missing from outside a community centre where his caregiver was playing bingo. Lee, whose funeral was held on Friday, was a ward of a foster home just outside the reserve near Broadview.

The two boys did not know each other. No one in the community appears to have seen the beating. Lee's body was found at 10:20 p.m. a short distance from the community centre.

The suspect's family has received services from Yorkton Tribal Council Child and Family Services at the reserve.

Social Services Minister June Draude is asking the province's child advocate, Bob Pringle, to immediately look into the case.

"We lost not just one child, but we lost two," Draude said. "We lost individuals that could have been a part of our society right now."

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Funding

Saskatchewan companies get federal boost

The federal government has given a group of companies across Western Canada more than \$1 million to help them expand their footprints in international markets.

Michelle Rempel, minister

of state for western economic diversification, was in Saskatoon on Tuesday to announce that the Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership (STEP), alongside its partners in Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia, will receive about \$1.1 million to help it participate in trade shows and export missions around the world.

While agriculture and natural resource exports are

important to the Canadian economy, Rempel said the funds will help other industries — such as interactive design — grow globally as well.

Lionel LaBelle, president and CEO of STEP, which represents nearly 500 businesses, said the money will help companies expand and send firms to trade shows in other countries.

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School lockdown

Standoff in city's northwest ends in arrest

Regina police apprehended a 47-year-old man on Tuesday after a five-hour standoff at a home in the city's northwest, where several nearby schools were locked down

as a result.

Police canine and negotiation teams were dispatched to the house on the 3100-block of 6th Avenue North, with officers setting up a security perimeter and cordoning off a section of the street.

The man was wanted for allegedly threatening a 49-year-old woman with a knife on Monday night.

MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

Mayor Fougere to debate wastewater plant proposal

Tackling the issue. Debate set for Sept. 19, but out of the eyes of the general public



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The main voices behind the two sides of Regina's coming wastewater treatment plant referendum are set to go head to head in a debate.

The debate will be the first time that Mayor Michael Fougere and Regina Water Watch spokesman Jim Holmes will challenge each other directly on the issues surrounding the financing and management of the more than \$220-million facility.

"We have made presentations (to council) and we have both been talking to the media, but this is the first time for people to see a back-and-forth," Holmes said on Tuesday.

The debate was announced

on Tuesday via an e-mail sent to the two parties and to media. It will take place on Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Travelodge hotel on south Albert Street.

"It's an opportunity to get the message out and have a discussion — I look forward to it," Fougere said of the issue, which involves whether private-sector funds and management should be involved in the plant.

"Whatever the format is, it's a discussion of ideas and about how we want to build our city."

However, the event will be open only to media and members of the Regina Gyro Club, who are organizing it. The group has held similar debates on Regina's stadium project and during the 2012 civic election campaign, and says they were unable to book a larger venue to invite the public.

"It seems like it is a pretty contentious issue," said Blaine Lucyk, president of the Regina Gyro Club.

"We felt like it would be in the interest of everybody involved — the club, the public, the 'Yes' side and the 'No' side



Mayor Michael Fougere will argue in favour of a public-private partnership for the city's planned wastewater treatment plant at a debate on the issue with Jim Holmes of Regina Water Watch on Sept. 19.

ROSS ROMANIUK/METRO

— to get together and have both sides explain their position."

Lucyk said he wants to make sure voters can make informed and intelligent decisions when

the referendum takes place on Sept. 25.

They will be able to make opening and closing statements, as well as answer questions on the treatment plant

options. Though this is the first announced debate, Holmes hinted that another debate — one that will be more public — is set to be announced within a few days.

Toronto-based firm purchases Northgate Mall



Westdale Properties CEO Mitchell Cohen METRO

Regina's Northgate Mall has a new owner, and new possibilities for expansion.

Toronto-based Westdale Properties has purchased the shopping centre from previous owners Triovest for an undisclosed sum.

"We've been looking at this asset for a number of months, and finally it's come to fruition," Westdale CEO Mitchell Cohen said during a visit to Regina.

"Opportunities like this don't come around that often and we pounced on it."

The mall's new anchor ten-

ant, a Target outlet, has been one of the biggest lures for Westdale, Cohen explained, largely because it's the U.S.-based chain's sole location in Regina.

He said the addition of Target in July has boosted the approximately 40-year-old mall's strong standing in Regina's competitive retail marketplace.

"Target is an incredible retailer," he said.

"This mall is one of the top performers in the Regina retail market, and Target is only making things better."

Though the purchase agree-

ment hadn't been finalized when Cohen spoke to media last week, he confirmed that Westdale is already exploring expansion opportunities for the mall.

Any additions, he said, should further cement the reach of Northgate, which he claims attracts shoppers from far beyond the north Regina metropolitan area.

"We're looking at some future expansion possibilities. We're looking at new retailers," he explained, declining to specify what company names he wants to add to the complex

that has about 80 stores and services.

"I'm pretty sure our future opportunities are going to make Northgate Mall the (best) retail mall in the city."

In addition to Northgate, Cohen said, Westdale is considering a "small opportunity" in Saskatoon, as the province's strong growth and resilient economy continue to lure retailers to the Land of the Living Skies. "This won't be our first acquisition. Saskatchewan is a great place," he added, without giving details on plans in Saskatoon. MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

The hunt goes on

Grizzlies in crosshairs.
B.C. government
refuses to recognize
First Nations tribal ban
on bear hunting

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Trophy hunting of grizzly bears on B.C.'s central coast continues while First Nations struggle to enforce a year-old tribal law barring hunters from killing the animals for sport, Metro has learned.

A source who asked to remain anonymous provided Metro with photographic evidence of a hunter showing off the severed head and paws of a grizzly bear after a spring hunting trip last May in the Kwatna River estuary between Bella Bella and Bella Coola.

"They are photos that were taken by one of my field technicians this spring," said Jessie Housty, an elected Heiltsuk tribal councillor and member of the Coastal First Nations Bear Working Group, a program whose staff have been patrolling and erecting

signs in areas of high hunting activity.

"Our technician was invited onto the hunter's boat and had a conversation with him. The man in the photo identified himself ... as being Clayton Stoner."

A Minnesota Wild spokesman confirmed Tuesday afternoon that the man in the photo was Stoner, a 28-year-old defenceman originally from Port McNeill, B.C.

"I grew up hunting and fishing in British Columbia and continue to enjoy spending time with my family outdoors," Stoner said in an emailed statement.

"I applied for and received a grizzly-bear hunting licence through a British Columbia limited-entry lottery last winter and shot a grizzly bear with my licence while hunting with my father, uncle and

Killed annually

300

The B.C. ministry of forests, lands and natural resource operations estimates some 300 grizzlies are harvested in the province every year.

Sacred or sport?

"We consider bears to be our close relatives and have many stories and ceremonies that reinforce that connection. It's incredibly offensive to us that anyone would kill for sport."

Jessie Housty, an elected Heiltsuk tribal councillor and member of the Coastal First Nations Bear Working Group

a friend in May. I love to hunt and fish and will continue to do so."

Stoner is not the first NHL player to attract criticism. Last year, Canucks winger David Booth tweeted a photo of a black bear he had killed with a bow on a hunting trip in Alberta, saying: "Just killed a Chara sized bruin! 7ft black bear - 21in skull."

The tweet proved controversial because Booth had used a technique called bear baiting, which is allowed in Alberta but illegal in B.C.

With the fall bear-hunting season opening across B.C. — the activity is allowed and regulated by the provincial government — Housty said it remains difficult to enforce the tribal hunting ban, since provincial officials don't recognize its authority.

"Ultimately what we'd like

to see is other governments respecting the ban that we've put in place," Housty said.

She argues hunting for sport is also a threat to sustainable economic opportunities, including eco-tourism, that First Nations have been exploring.

"Bears are worth far more alive than they are dead."

The B.C. minister of forests, lands and natural resource operations was not immediately available for comment. A ministry spokesman said there are at least 15,000 grizzlies in B.C.

Officials have released 3,786 limited authorizations allowing hunters to shoot and kill bears during this year's spring and fall seasons.

The ministry estimates some 300 grizzlies are harvested in the province every year.



Minnesota Wild defenceman Clayton Stoner with a grizzly bear shot on B.C.'s mid-coast in May. CONTRIBUTED

Republicans back Syria strike



CODEPINK co-founder Medea Benjamin is removed from the hearing room on Capitol Hill on Tuesday as U.S. officials testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to advance a request for congressional authorization for military intervention in Syria. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. President Barack Obama's call for a military strike in Syria won significant momentum Tuesday, with leaders of both parties in Congress saying they are convinced that Syrian President Bashar Assad used chemical weapons against his own people and that the U.S. should respond.

The top Republican in Congress, House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner, said taking action is something "the United States as a country needs to do."

Obama on Saturday unexpectedly stepped back from ordering a military strike under his own authority and announced he would seek congressional approval.

The president urged Congress to hold a prompt vote once it returns next week.

Boehner's support is key, but Republicans do not speak with one voice. Nor do Democrats, and after a decade of war, polls show most Americans are opposed to any new military action overseas.

The U.S. says it has proof that the Assad regime is be-

Setting a precedent

We have "enemies around the world that need to understand that we're not going to tolerate this type of behaviour."

House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner, the top Republican in Congress

hind gas attacks that it claims killed at least 1,429 people, including over 400 children.

But some lawmakers say Obama hasn't presented good evidence. Those questions come a decade after the Bush administration badly misrepresented the case that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction.

A few hundred miles away, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon stressed that a strike against Syria would be illegal under the UN charter unless in self-defence or if approved by the Security Council. Russia and China have repeatedly used their veto power in the council to block such action.

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SIU probe. Elderly woman falls, fractures hip after being Tasered by police

Police arsenal

Many police forces, including the Ontario Provincial Police and Toronto Police Service, have said they plan to train and equip their officers with stun guns, in addition to the sidearm, extendable baton and pepper spray that they currently carry.

Ontario's police watchdog is investigating an incident in which they say an 80-year-old woman fell and suffered a fractured hip after she was struck by police with a Taser.

Special Investigations Unit spokeswoman Monica Hudon said three Peel Region officers approached the woman at about 3:30 a.m. last Wednesday as she was walking along a road in Mississauga.

Hudon said officers spoke with the woman until "at some point" an officer fired his Taser.

Hudon said the elderly woman fell to the ground and was rushed to Credit Valley Hospital for treatment.

The incident occurred one day after the province announced it would permit all front-line police officers to carry stun guns.

The use of force by police in Ontario has come under scrutiny after Sammy Yatim, 18, was shot multiple times and Tasered by police during a confrontation on an empty

streetcar.

Videos of the incident prompted hundreds of people to take to the streets.

Another high-profile case that brought the police use of Tasers under public scrutiny was the 2007 death of a Polish immigrant at Vancouver's airport.

Robert Dziekanski died after being stunned with a Taser by RCMP. A public inquiry found that the officers were not justified in using the Taser.

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Microsoft steps up mobile push with Nokia acquisition

Helsinki. Handset deal is an attempt to narrow gap with Apple, Google

Microsoft Corp. is buying Nokia Corp.'s lineup of smartphones and a portfolio of patents and services in an effort to strengthen its fight with Apple and Google, and capture a slice of the lucrative mobile computing market.

The \$7.2-billion US deal marks a major step in the company's push to transform itself from a software maker focused on desktop and laptop computers into a more versatile and nimble company that delivers services on any kind of Internet-connected gadget.

Microsoft has been racing to catch up with customers who



Nokia CEO Stephen Elop, left, and Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer
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are increasingly pursuing their digital lives on smartphones and tablet computers. It's now betting it will have a better chance of narrowing the gap with its rivals if it seizes complete control over how Nokia's mobile devices work with its Windows software.

Ballmer admitted Tuesday that the company has to play

Microsoft succession

- Microsoft is also looking for a new leader. Ten days ago, CEO Steve Ballmer said he would step down within the next year.
- Stephen Elop, a Canadian who left Microsoft in 2010 to become Nokia CEO, will rejoin Microsoft once the acquisition closes. There's speculation he'll be a top candidate to succeed Ballmer.

catch-up with the likes of Apple and Android. "We know we need to accelerate. We're not confused about that," he said. "We need to be a company that provides a family of devices."

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No Key Lime Pie for you

Seems that when little green robots eat candy bars, they opt for a Kit Kat. Tech pundits have speculated for months that the next Android operating system would be called Key Lime Pie — in keeping with Google's affinity for naming new versions after desserts — but on Tuesday the firm revealed it has chosen a brand-name candy for the first time. The Android 4.4 Kit Kat system is expected to launch in October, and in turn, the robot mascot is pictured tucking into a chocolate bar on the new Kit Kat label, shown above. Marc Vanlerberghe, director of Android Marketing, said the name was chosen because Kit Kat bars have been a "favourite go-to snack among the team since the early days of Android." COURTESY THE HERSHEY COMPANY

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Wireless market

After Verizon fuss, cell prices could creep up again

A decision by U.S. giant Verizon to no longer try to enter Canada's wireless market may mean Canadians could soon end up paying more on their cellphone bills, say several analysts. The prospect of Verizon's entry had produced more options for consumers as the country's big three wireless carriers offered new data sharing plans. THE CANADIAN PRESS

California

Will Apple add to iPhone colours?

Apple has sent a colourful invitation for an event next week amid speculation that it may debut new colours for the latest iPhone. The invitation for the Sept. 10 event has a picture of the Apple logo surrounded by multi-coloured polka dots and the sentence: "This should brighten everyone's day." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Potash

Uralkali slams arrest of CEO

Russia's largest potash producer, Uralkali, on Tuesday criticized Belarus' prosecution of its CEO as an attempt to keep the company from competing in the local market.

Uralkali pulled out of a trading venture with its partner in Belarus in July. Because most of the venture's employees reportedly went to work for Uralkali, Belarus was left with virtually no qualified staff to manage its potash exports. That raised fears that the company was trying to gain control over the country's

resources and start a pricing war.

Belarus responded by arresting Uralkali CEO Vladislav Baumgartner last week on suspicion of "abusing his powers," and issuing an arrest warrant for Suleyman Kerimov, a Russian billionaire who is the largest shareholder.

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WHAT DID YOU DO ON THE WEEKEND?

Weekend warriors are a dime a dozen.

They're out running marathons, hanging off cliff faces, riding their bicycles up steep switchbacks, or playing hockey at three in the morning because that's the only ice time available.

They whack various little round balls with various sticks and rackets.

They run, jump, throw, slide and stretch. Unlike real athletes, who vie for world records or record paydays, they do all of this for next to zero recognition — a cheap medal, a certificate, a plastic water bottle, a trophy from Trophies R Us.

They get hurt. Sometimes they die. But unless they die, they don't quit.

Then there's Diana Nyad.

What she did this weekend goes into the Weekend Warrior Hall of Fame. She accomplished what she had already



JUST SAYIN'

Paul Sullivan

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failed to do four times: Become the first person to swim the 177 kilometres from Cuba to the Florida Keys, without a shark cage.

If that last detail doesn't get your attention, how about she spent 53 hours in the water, swallowed so much seawater that she vomited early and often, was stung by jellyfish, but like the Energizer Bunny in a wet-suit, she just kept going until she hit the beach in Florida.

Did I mention that she is 64 years old?

Why did she do it?

How about she "wants to send a message of peace, love, friendship and happiness ... between the people of the United States and Cuba."

Other people might send an email.

Diana Nyad has had this "Xtreme Dream" since 1978 when she tried and failed the first time.

At the time, she was already a long-distance swimmer who set the world record for swimming around the Island of Manhattan in under eight hours.

Then, life got in the way, but she never forgot her unfinished business and after a 30-year layoff, she tried again in 2011. And again. And again. And again in 2012.

Frankly, I thought she was done the last time. But never count a weekend warrior out. They can't help themselves.

A cynic (that's usually me) could say she's a motivational speaker and author (her books have titles like *The Boss of Me*) and needs fresh material to remain in demand on the lecture circuit — after all she charges up to \$40K a pop.

But really? What would you rather do: Face sharks, jellyfish, choking brine, storms, waves, nausea and fatigue? Or find another topic?

Or you could do what most 64-year-olds do. Think about retiring.

But I suspect Diana Nyad is not done yet.

Not as long as there's still another weekend.

ZOOM

'This is your captain: We need more cookies'



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Flight of the five-year-old

He looks confident but record-breaker He Yide, 5, must have been a little nervous as he became the youngest person to fly an aircraft.

The mini pilot completed a 35-minute flight over Beijing, with supervision — but no help — from a coach. Yide has strict training, which included a controversial run in snow last year. **METRO**

Dad of the year

"When the baby eagle is old enough, the mother eagle would harshly push it down the cliff. I don't agree with the education of most parents. They are too protective and caring, which makes their kid lazy."

He Yide's father He Liesheng

He Yide's diary

- **Early bird.** Awake at 4:30 a.m. each day for flight training before school.
- **Conquering the seas.** The boy has also sailed a yacht in an international competition.
- **Ain't no mountain high enough.** Yide recently climbed Mount Fuji during a storm.

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The cost in U.S. dollars of He Yide's flight training. It has not been wasted though — the child's next flight is already planned for Hoh Xil, an isolated region in the northwestern part of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau in China.

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Was it YellowTiger62 or GoldenCat63? Keeping passwords straight may be easy enough when you've got a one-fits-all setup, but once you go beyond that, keeping your deepest, darkest in the dark gets a bit more complicated. Or at least it used to be complicated.

Nymi:

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Twitter

@metropicks asked: Hackers are now tampering with cars' computer systems. What should be done to counter the problem?

@Canucklehead_ca: Seems simple enough: make all cars password protected! (All passwords must contain a capital letter, a number, two symbols ...)

@Brendanger: Walk or take public transit.

@EastVanPrint: Encryption and closed networking

@almajwilson70: find them real jobs obviously they have nothing constructive to do

@Simpson957: Car companies should give nerds fancy cars so we can work out a good defense against the hackers. Me first.

@OnlyFakie: if cars are generally computers now, why don't they follow computers and have the same security they do?

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Vin Diesel returns to the Pitch Black series in his role as Richard B. Riddick. CONTRIBUTED

Going from the sexiest ugly man to Richard B. Riddick

Vin Diesel. Few know that the Fast and Furious and Pitch Black star has been acting since age seven and has a long list of accomplishments



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Vin Diesel has been acting since age seven and played many characters on screen, but he is best known by two alter egos.

We'll have to wait until next year to see him behind the wheel as Dominic Toretto in the new Fast and Furious movie, but this weekend he returns to theatres as Richard B. Riddick, anti-hero of the Pitch Black series of films and video games.

In Riddick, his fourth outing as the mercenary-turned-enforcer, he has been double-crossed and left for dead.

His battles with predatory aliens has honed his skills, his thirst for revenge and his desire to return to his home planet of Furya.

Diesel loves playing Riddick. "I know it sounds corny but I feel like I learn about myself when I play that char-

acter," he says.

But he's also created some other memorable characters.

Critics and audiences first took notice of Diesel as Private Caparzo in Saving Private Ryan. He says winning the role was "like one of those Hollywood fairy tales that you never believed."

Director Steven Spielberg saw Multi-Facial, an über low budget short film directed by and starring Diesel.

The ET director was so taken with the young actor's performance that he had a role specially written for him. The result was an effective performance that mixed physicality with poignancy.

Diesel lent his distinctive gravelly voice to the title character in the animated film The Iron Giant.

Directed by Brad Bird, the story of a lonely boy who discovers a 50-foot, metal-eating robot who fell from space, failed at the box office but has a 97 per cent Rotten Tomatoes rating.

His searing portrayal of streetwise stockbroker Chris Varick in the 2000 stockbroker drama Boiler Room garnered him considerable critical praise.

Roger Ebert wrote, "Diesel is interesting. Something will come of him," and New York Times critic A.O.

Scott said the actor, "may be the sexiest ugly man in movies since Anthony Quinn."

Knockaround Guys is a coming-of-age story with a gangland twist.

The four sons (Vin Diesel, Seth Green, Barry Pepper, and Andrew Davoli) of Brooklyn mobsters band together to reclaim a quarter of a million dollars lost in a small town run by a crooked sheriff (Tom Noonan).

Diesel oozes charisma in a so-so film, tossing off tough guy lines like, "That's about the only thing you can count on in this life, there's nobody that wouldn't hurt you ... if it helped them," with ease.

More on Riddick



Katee Sackhoff. CONTRIBUTED

Being the only girl in the room on Riddick

In Riddick, Katee Sackhoff co-stars alongside Vin Diesel as Dahl, the only female member of a team of mercenaries — but also one of its toughest.

Riddick is very funny, surprisingly.

My best friend is terrified of scary movies. She's going to the premiere and she was like, "How scared am I going to be?" And I was like, "Sweetie, it's not scary."

Do you worry about doing what you're already known for when looking for parts?

I think people spend too much time trying to understand this business when you can't understand it. I don't think there's any real right way or wrong way to do this. Truthfully, I feel blessed that people want me to do it at all, and if that's science fiction and action, I'd rather do that than so many other genres. So I'm good.

It doesn't mean that I can't do and haven't done things outside of it; it's just where fans want to see me right now. You give them what they want, you know?

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TV star reruns?

Robin Williams' role as an advertising executive in *The Crazy Ones* doesn't mark the only TV star returning to the world of situational comedy this fall. Here are some of the other big names taking another stab at the small screen

One of the most highly anticipated TV returns is Michael J. Fox, who will star in Global's *The Michael J. Fox Show* on Wednesdays starting Sept. 25. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



The Kids in the Hall and News Radio's Dave Foley will star in the CTV mid-season replacement *Spun Out*, set in the world of PR disaster management.

Sean Hayes, who played Jack on the long-running *Will and Grace*, heads his own comedy, *Sean Saves the World*, on Wednesdays on Global starting Oct. 2.



It's an NBC Thursday night reunion of sorts with CTV's mid-season comedy *Kirstie*. It re-teams *Cheers*' Kirstie Alley and Rhea Perlman, and throws in *Seinfeld*'s Michael Richards for good measure.

Law & Order: SVU and *Oz* actor Chris Meloni trades in his dramatic roles for a comedic turn as a stay-at-home dad on the mid-season CTV comedy *Surviving Jack*.



The *West Wing*'s Allison Janney also returns to the small screen after her scene-stealing turn in *The Way Way Back* this summer. She teams with Anna Faris for the new Chuck Lorre comedy *Mom*, which starts on City on Sept. 23.



The *West Wing*'s Bradley Winter is joined by Canadian Malin Akerman and Oscar-winning Marcia Gay Harden for the CTV comedy *Trophy Wife*, premiering Sept. 24.



James Wolk performs with Kelly Clarkson on the season premiere of *The Crazy Ones*. CONTRIBUTED

Williams makes it easy to Wolk alongside him

The Crazy Ones. James Wolk praises comic legend Robin Williams for his inclusive style and over-confident advertising role

It sounds like an exercise in biting off more than you can chew, but actor James Wolk says improvising alongside Robin Williams isn't as intimidating as you would think.

Williams is known as a rapid-fire jokester whose mind travels at warp speed through a punch line, but he is also generous to those around him. "You never feel that you are in this dangerous place. You almost feel like you are doing a dance with him," said Wolk, who stars with Williams in *The Crazy Ones*, a new Chicago-set comedy about the world of advertising premiering on City Sept. 26.

"I think one of the most generous things about him, in working alongside him and as an actor, is that he

takes you with him."

Wolk plays the over-confident — almost to a fault — right-hand man to Williams, whose character owns the advertising firm with his daughter, played by Sarah Michelle Gellar. In the pilot, Williams and Wolk try to get Kelly Clarkson to sing a jingle for a commercial. It's a scene packed with comedic opportunities for Wolk's character.

"I think anyone who can jump into a recording studio with Kelly Clarkson and think he is so wonderful that he wants to sing alongside of her is going to take us on a very interesting journey," he said.

"He fancies himself a Lothario if you will. I think at the end of the day we are going to have to see his redeeming qualities, otherwise you get sick of seeing someone like that. I think the comedy will also come from the fact that — quite simply — to watch someone so blindly confident is funny in itself."

Surprisingly, this is the second time Wolk has played a role related to ad-

Picking Sides

So, is James Wolk more a fan of Sarah Michelle Gellar's *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* or *Mork & Mindy*, the comedy that turned Robin Williams and co-star Pam Dawber into household names?

"Pam Dawber is one of the most famous alumni from my high school ... and she spoke at my high school graduation, so I think I am going to have to say *Mork & Mindy*. I am sorry Sarah. I love you."

vertising in less than a year. Earlier this spring he played the much-discussed character of Bob Benson on *Mad Men*.

"I think an actor is never more on top of their game unless they're busy and they don't have time to think about what they are doing," he said. "It provided me with a place to bounce back and forth creatively."

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Bret Easton Ellis. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

James Deen as Mr. Grey? Not enough alcohol in the world

While the casting announcements are official for 50 Shades of Grey — with Dakota Johnson and Pacific Rim star Charlie Hunnam taking the much-debated lead roles — apparently not everyone is in agreement behind the scenes of the hot literary adaptation.

After the news was announced, author Bret Easton Ellis took to Twitter to rain

on the parade and share some information.

“Talked to (author) E.L. James at a party over the summer. Her first choice for Christian was Rob Pattinson,” he posted.

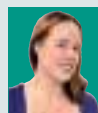
“When E.L. James asked me who I thought should be Christian I said, ‘(Porn star) James Deen, of course,’ and then she shoved me. We were both very wasted.”

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The Word

American Idol rounds out its panel with latest addition



THE WORD
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After months of speculation, it was announced that handsome Southern crooner Harry Connick Jr. and former American Idol judge Jennifer Lopez are officially joining American Idol 13.

The two join Keith Urban on the judge's panel; stalwart Randy Jackson will be back as an



“in-house” mentor.

And, what would Idol be without Ryan Seacrest? The personality, of course, will be back as host.

“I have always been a huge fan of American Idol and really enjoyed my time as a mentor on the show,” said Connick in a press release.

“And I am honoured that they've asked me to be a judge this season. As an entertainer, I am truly

excited to bring my perspective to American Idol and to help emerging performers find their way.”

For her take on the announcement, Lopez simply tweeted, “#IDOL2014TheRemix.”

Hopefully the addition of Connick and Lopez will help this new season's ratings. This past season was American Idol's worst rated since the show began airing in 2002.



Will Smith

Another day, another sale for the Smith family

Will and Jada Pinkett Smith have decided to ditch their sprawling, palatial Calabasas, Calif., compound, according to the Real Estalker blog.

The Hollywood power couple is reportedly looking to get \$42 million for the property, which features a 25,000 square foot adobe-style main house, man-made lakes, a hotel-size pool and facilities for tennis, volleyball and basketball.

The family sold a property on the Hawaiian island of Kauai for \$20 million in 2011.



Regina Referendum

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

Residents have the opportunity to vote on the construction, financing, operation and maintenance model of the City of Regina's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The yes-or-no question on the ballot will read; That the Council of the City of Regina publicly finance, operate and maintain the new wastewater treatment plant for Regina through a traditional Design, Bid, Build (DBB) approach.

Polling information

- Polling locations will be available throughout the city on September 25 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Residents can find their poll location at **ReginaReferendum.ca**.

Advance polls

Advance polls will be offered on September 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at:

- The Golden Mile Shopping Centre
- Northgate Mall
- Normanview Landing
- Victoria Square Mall

Mail-in ballot opportunities will be provided to eligible voters. Applications for mail-in ballots must be made in person at the Referendum Office at City Hall, 2476 Victoria Avenue.

Two pieces of identification are required to vote.

Visit **ReginaReferendum.ca** or call 306-777-7000 for all your voting information.

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LIFE

The sun is shining and the weather is sweet in Jamaica

Island time. Beyond the beautiful beaches are great restaurants and exciting activities



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Rum bars filled with colourful locals, glorious beaches, waterfalls you can climb and romantic river rafts. Yep, Jamaica has a lot to offer.

Of course, there are the swanky resorts and infamous spots such as Hedonism, where just about anything goes, including a lot of bathing suits. And don't forget the jerk shacks that waft heavenly spices out over the island and the reggae music.

Sleeping

Negril has awesome sunsets and an endless beach flanked by resorts such as Beaches, Sandals and the aforementioned Hedonism. Further north and east are the impeccable grounds of Half Moon, a RockResort, equipped with a fun and not too tricked-up golf course, a sweeping beach and a who's who list of attendees, including Queen Elizabeth and Paul Simon. My personal favourite resort for a taste of local culture is Jakes at Treasure Beach, a spot on the south side of the island with pseudo-Moroccan design and glorious detached villas in bright ochre and pale blue.

Dining

Half Moon features the romantic Sugar Mill restaurant, with a gorgeous patio lit up by overhead lights hanging from gnarly trees. Try the snapper in a coconut-saffron sauce or jerk chicken spring rolls. A favourite for casual jerk chicken is Scotchie's near the Montego Bay Airport, where you can fill your belly for less than \$10. In the Montego Bay Freeport zone is the fabulous House Boat restaurant, reached by a three-second ferry/raft. Gaze out on the bay and the lights in the hills and dine on spicy shrimp in a scotch bonnet beurre blanc sauce or a



Diving into the perfect water near Rick's Café. Just watch your Red Stripe intake before you jump. PHOTOS JIM BYERS/METRO

Doing

At Half Moon you can take a horseback ride and swim with the animals, who love nothing more on a hot day than submersing themselves in the cool ocean water. Dunn's River Falls is famous as a playground where you can clamber up large rocks and dunk yourself in the cool water running down from the mountains. Prefer to let someone else do the work? Try a romantic rafting trip on the peaceful Martha Brae River near Falmouth, where a local will guide you along on a wide bamboo raft under a jungle canopy.

Drinking

If you must, you can down Jell-O shots or any number of sickly sweet things at Jimmy Buffett Margaritaville on the Hip Strip in Montego Bay, which is jammed to the rafters with cruise ship day-trippers and has a cool waterslide that drops you a couple stories into the bay. You don't want to miss Rick's Café, south of Negril. The water is the most beautiful shade of aquamarine imaginable, and local kids will do handstands and crazy dives off huge cliffs for a couple of bucks. You can try a belly-flop of your own from several spots, too. Take a boat ride from the south shore to the ramshackle Pelican Bar, which sits in a few feet of warm water a half mile or so off the coast and looks to be mostly made up of driftwood, with a thatched roof. Very memorable.



The sunsets in Negril are some of the best you'll find anywhere.

Queen Conch fritter. Jakes at Treasure Beach has a marvelous kitchen. Next door

on the beach is Jack Spratts, which serves a fabulous jerk sausage pizza.

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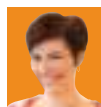
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- 1 pkg (450 g) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained (\$1.29)
- 1 lb skinless chicken thighs (\$4.30)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced (\$0.10)
- 2 tbsp balsamic vinegar (\$0.10)
- 1/4 cup red wine (optional) (\$0.60)
- 2 tsp dried oregano (\$0.03)
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Eat cheap (and healthy)

The past two Wednesdays, Metro's Theresa Albert has served up easy to make and healthy recipes that are perfect for families or starving students. If you missed them, check out the recipes at metronews.ca/food. And don't forget to look for the final two recipes in the series on Sept. 11 and 18.

penny.

This dish, which features high nutrient spinach in a convenient frozen form paired with high iron chicken thighs and a tasty balsamic vinegar and blue cheese, is yours in under 10 minutes.

1. Microwave spinach just to thaw and let drain in a colander in the sink until ready to assemble.

Baked Chicken with Spinach and Blue Cheese



For a variation on this recipe, which serves two, try stuffing the chicken with spinach. ISTOCK

2. Break up spinach into large, low casserole dish. Nestle chicken pieces into spinach. Sprinkle with garlic, vinegar, wine, oregano, salt and

pepper. Break up blue cheese to spread on top. (Cream cheese is a good substitute)

3. Cover with foil and place

into 350 F oven to bake for approximately 45 minutes or until heated through. Meat internal temperature should read 165 F.

Drink of the Week

Hennessy V.S Bramble

The perfect end-of-summer cocktail offers strong, bright flavours.

- 1.5 oz Hennessy V.S
- .5 oz fresh lemon juice
- 4-5 blackberries
- .5 oz simple syrup
- .25 oz of Crème de Cassis
- Twist of lemon

Muddle berries in bottom of a shaker tin and add lemon juice, simple syrup and Hennessy V.S with ice. Shake until well chilled and strain into a rocks glass with fresh ice. Splash Crème de Cassis over the top and garnish with lemon twist and a few blackberries.

RECIPE AND PHOTO

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In a bit of a pickle...

Once again the aroma of hot vinegar and pickling spices is wafting through Canadian kitchens, and colourful jars of pickled vegetables and sauces are lining countertops. It seems the "lost art" of pickling is not lost at all.

Janet Nezon realized it last year when her Introduction to Home Canning seminars in Toronto attracted 570 registrants. When Toronto's Cookbook Store held a class last fall on fermentation, people came all the way from Rochester, N.Y., says store manager Alison Fryer.

This resurgence of interest in a cooking practice earlier generations did out of necessity is blossoming among mainly women in their 20s and 30s.

"The vast majority (of seminar attendees) were new to canning and pickling," says Nezon of Thornhill, Ont., owner of Rainbow Plate, a company she started to educate children and adults about healthy eating.

"They know they're not reinventing the wheel," Fryer says. "These are ancient arts. But it seems to be the younger generation who are interested."



Jars of pickled goods make great gifts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tradition is likely one factor in the rejuvenation, says Nezon, a daughter and granddaughter of picklers.

Pickled Carrots With Oregano and Peppers are a favourite of Nezon's family.

Because the carrots are raw, she advises letting them sit for a week or so before trying the carrots to let them absorb the flavour.

She also says the finished jars are "gorgeous."

1. Place two 500-ml (2-cup) jars (minus lids) in hot water in canner and place lids in simmering water on the stove. (It's not necessary to sterilize

the jars.)

2. In a bowl, combine oregano, sweet peppers and hot pepper flakes.

3. Remove hot jars from canner and divide pepper mixture between them.

4. Add 1 clove garlic to each jar and fill each with half the carrots, leaving a little more than 1 cm (1/2 inch) headspace. Pack carrots tightly.

5. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, combine vinegar, water, sugar and salt and bring to a boil.

Ingredients

- 45 ml (3 tbsp) finely chopped fresh oregano or 15 ml (1 tbsp) dried
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) each chopped sweet red and green pepper
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) hot pepper flakes
- 2 small cloves garlic
- 500 g (1 lb) carrots, washed and peeled if necessary and cut into quarters or whatever shape you prefer
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) white vinegar
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) water
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) granulated sugar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) pickling salt

6. Pour hot liquid over carrots, making sure to cover them but leaving 1 cm (1/2 inch) of headspace between liquid and rim.

7. Process jars in a boiling water canner for 15 minutes for 500-ml (2-cup) jars. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ THE COMPLETE BOOK OF SMALL-BATCH PRESERVING: OVER 300 RECIPES TO USE YEAR-ROUND BY ELLIE TOPP AND MARGARET HOWARD (FIREFLY BOOKS, 2007).**

Side. Janet's Fermented Kosher Dill Pickles

1. Wash two 1.5-litre (6-cup) mason jars in hot soapy water.

2. In saucepan, bring water to a boil and stir in pickling salt until dissolved. Let brine cool.

3. Scrub cucumbers and slice very thin piece off blossom end of each one.

4. Put 2 sprigs of dill, few pieces of garlic and 15 ml (1 tbsp) pickling spice in each jar.

5. Pack cucumbers vertically into jars, filling halfway. Add another dill sprig and more garlic. Pack remaining cucumbers to fill jars tightly, ensuring all cucumbers are below the "neck" of the jar. Tuck in the last bit of dill and garlic between cucumbers.

6. Fill jars with brine, ensuring cucumbers are completely covered.

7. Cover jars loosely with cheesecloth and secure with elastic band if necessary. Store in a cool dark place for 1 week. Check jars every day to ensure cucumbers remain submerged and top with additional brine as necessary. If scum or foam develops on surface, skim it off and discard.



8. After 4 days, taste a pickle and decide if they're ready or if you want them fermented longer. "Half sours" usually take 3 to 4 days, while "full sours" take 5 to 7 days. To stop pickling process, cover jars with a lid and place in the refrigerator. **JANET NEZON, OWNER OF RAINBOW PLATE (RAINBOWPLATE.COM)**

Ingredients

- 4 l (16 cups) water (unchlorinated if possible)
- 90 ml (6 tbsp) pickling salt
- 2 kg (4 lb) Kirby pickling cucumbers (about 20, depending on size)
- 4 to 6 sprigs dillweed, preferably seeded, washed
- 4 cloves garlic, peeled and sliced in half
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) pickling spice

The faux-pas of a professional feed

When hitting send impedes success.

How tweet it is to take advantage of this tool. Just make sure you use it properly!

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Ah, the wonderful world of Twitter. A land where users post their most random thoughts, check out the latest sports updates and watch in awe as celebrities make gross grammatical errors.

But if that's all they're doing, visitors to Twitter may be missing out. It turns out that the social network can be a great asset to the job hunt, provided the job-seeker avoids a few common mistakes along the way.

Don't keep your settings

private

It's OK to keep personal accounts on Twitter for friends.

But if you're using Twitter for job searches and networking, your account needs to be accessible. How can anyone respond to your tweets? You might connect with a recruiter who is at the same conference as you, get instant updates on that job you've been waiting for or even win a contest.

Transparency is key when utilizing social media for developing your personal brand, job hunting or networking. It also opens doors for other people to contact you about opportunities and learn more about you.

Don't mix too much of your personal life with your professional life

Remember the purpose of the account. Keep in mind that an online account means 24/7 access for potential employers. The second something goes up, someone will see it.



Don't hide behind your hashtags. If you want an employer to pick you out of the crowd, make your account public. ISTOCK

Post on different channels with your own discretion, or don't post it at all. An open account should not mean unlimited access to your life.

Don't exaggerate your job title

Keep your tagline current,

direct, and about your profession.

Use a decent photo and include a helpful link and customized background.

It's good to show a bit of personality, but try to keep the content relevant to your industry and how you want others to see you.

Connect with others!

Twitter was created for casual interaction

- If you find a company you like, follow them. If you find a campus recruiter from the same company, follow them, and retweet or respond to their tweets.
- Twitter can be used as a learning tool as much as a social tool. Combine these experiences and output productivity for your job hunt from your time online.

Don't be too controversial

Avoid topics like politics or starting arguments with other users.

Don't skew an employer's impression of your values.

Separating business and personal opinions helps you keep your personal life from affecting your professional life.

Don't be ashamed to boost yourself up

Remember that you're using Twitter as a personal branding tool. It's good to mention accomplishments, events or milestones in your life. Decide how much is appropriate — your online presence may be the strongest first impression.

Don't forget to check your interactions

Stay updated with who is interacting with you.

Check your mentions for retweets, replies and followers. Regularly check your direct messages (DM) to see if someone contacted you.

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Aaron Hernandez

Accused murderer requests delay in Florida lawsuit

Former NFL star tight end Aaron Hernandez is seeking to delay proceedings in a Florida lawsuit until a murder charge against him in Massachusetts is resolved.

Hernandez's lawyers filed the postponement request Tuesday in federal court. They say it would be legally unfair to Hernandez to permit the lawsuit to continue while he is defending himself in the shooting death of 27-year-old Odin Lloyd. Hernandez has pleaded not guilty to Lloyd's slaying and weapons charges.

In the Florida lawsuit, 30-year-old Alexander Bradley claims Hernandez shot him in the face after they argued at a strip club in February. Bradley seeks at least \$100,000 in damages.

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MLB

Jays recall Romero to The Show

Ricky Romero started this miserable season on the outside looking in, but he is getting a chance to finish the year on a positive note.

Romero was recalled from triple-A Buffalo on Monday and added to the Jays' expanded roster.

Romero, the Jays' former ace and all-star, who struggled through a disastrous 2012 season and failed to make the club out of spring training, spent the bulk of the season pitching for the Buffalo Bisons, following an ill-fated two-start return to the Jays in May.

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Novak Djokovic won his fourth-round U.S. Open match against Marcel Granollers in convincing fashion on Tuesday in New York. JOE SCARNICI/GETTY IMAGES

Djokovic love-loses his latest victim

U.S. Open. Top-ranked men's player shuts out Granollers over final two sets to advance to quarter-finals

Showing the kind of beginning-to-end focus he'll need to win the U.S. Open, top-seeded Novak Djokovic strung together 13 straight games Tuesday to close out a 6-3, 6-0, 6-0 thrashing of Marcel Granollers and advance to his 18th straight Grand Slam quarter-final.

"Today, second and third set have been some of the best tennis that I've played on Arthur Ashe in my career," said Djokovic, who has made the final at Flushing Meadows the last three years and won it in 2011.

"It all comes at a great time for me. It was something I was wishing to be more aggressive as the tournament progresses and to be able to stay committed to play every point, to win every point, regardless of the score."

The match took 79 minutes against Granollers, who was on court for nearly three and a

half hours two days before in a five-set win over Tim Smyczek.

Over the final two sets, Djokovic had embarrassingly large advantages in points (50-15) and winners (22-3), and he even won on 21 of 22 moves up to net, which isn't his normal style.

Djokovic has spent a total of five hours and 42 minutes on court without dropping a set. He has lost more than three games in any single set only once, against Benjamin Becker, who actually had a pair of set points in the first set of their second-round match, but lost them both. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Women's draw

No. 2 Victoria Azarenka rallied from a set down for the second straight match, beating Ana Ivanovic 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

- Later Tuesday, fifth-seeded Li Na beat No. 24-seeded Ekaterina Makarova 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-2 and No. 1-seeded Serena Williams shut out 18th-seeded Carla Suarez Navarro 6-0, 6-0 to advance to the semifinals.

Esks' Hervey unleashes wrath on Rottier



The Stampeders sacked Edmonton quarterback Mike Reilly seven times on Monday in Calgary. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Edmonton Eskimos general manager Ed Hervey lit into his 1-8 football team Tuesday, and announced he has reached past his coaching staff to indefinitely bench underperforming offensive lineman Simeon Rottier.

Hervey told reporters he will no longer sit quietly by and watch star quarterback Mike Reilly get slammed, drilled and rag-dolled after every throw.

"I'm done watching it," Hervey told a news conference at Commonwealth Stadium, a day after Reilly was sacked seven

times in the team's 37-34 loss to the Calgary Stampeders.

"I've had enough."

Hervey said he met with head coach Kavis Reed after the game to discuss the changes, which include a new play-caller on offence, but when asked about Rottier said, "There was no room for negotiation on this one."

"Our football team is going to rest on the shoulders of how healthy and how much success Mike Reilly has. We have to protect him to give ourselves a chance."

"Our offensive line needs to improve and needs to improve fast," he said, adding that changes are coming to the line.

He said while linemen like Matt O'Donnell, Alexander Krausnick and Thaddeus Coleman have shown promise, he has lost patience with Rottier.

"The majority of my frustration has been with Simeon," he said.

"Clearly Simeon is not living up to expectations. It wouldn't bother me if he didn't play another down this year."

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4 SPORTS

DRIVE 5

Self-driving cars and luxury SUVs very much in fashion this fall

Autopilot. New-age dealership tactics and forthcoming luxury SUVs are also in the mix this colourful season



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Car culture doesn't have spring and fall collections like we see in the fashion world. But that won't stop us from looking at some auto trends that have been percolating recently as we start the slide into autumn.

All three of the following trends and story lines added major plot developments this past week.

Luxury in every niche

Jaguar released a teaser image last week of its forthcoming C-X17 Concept, which will be unveiled at next week's auto show in Frankfurt. It's a tall-wagon or SUV thing! Jaguar was one of the few luxury brands left that hadn't gone over to the SUV dark side. Even Maserati is in the game now, with the Cherokee-based Kubang. But no sense beating your head against the wall; everyone else has already proven that there is money in those hills. Luxury brands used to exclusively make big sedans and big coupes. Now we have luxury contenders in every passenger car and crossover configuration, and in every size category, from compact to super size. For the record, Jaguar said the C-X17 was created to debut Jaguar's new modular alum-

inum architecture, and will illustrate "the diversity of vehicles that could be produced using this architecture."

Self driving cars

Nissan announced last week it will be ready with commercially viable "Autonomous Drive" in multiple vehicles by the year 2020. Lots of automakers are working on self-driving cars, but Nissan is the first to give us an actual completion date. Of course, a "commercially viable" self-driving vehicle in 2020 might be a moot point, if jurisdictions around the world don't want to, or aren't ready with the right infrastructure to, give the green light to this kind of ground-shaking change in the personal transportation world. Not long ago autonomous drive felt like a technology that was going to be in indefinite development; now it feels like the technology will not be denied.

Dealerships for millennials

We spoke recently about how the particular wants and needs of the millennial demographic are influencing vehicle design, but the impact of these 16 to 32 old buyers will also be driving change at the dealership. A recent and major study released last week by AutoTrader.com, revealed that millennials actually like kicking tires and talking to salespeople at a dealership even more than their baby boomer parents. But the kicker is that the experience goes down hill so much faster for them the second the salespeople get into any tactics, are less than forthright, and/or don't give



Nissan's Autonomous Drive will be available in multiple vehicle types by the year 2020. CONTRIBUTED



The Maserati Kubang is an example of new luxury SUVs. THE DETROIT AUTO SHOW

them the time and space they need to make the right decision. Millennials strongly prefer a salesperson close to their own age that adopts a consultative approach, much like what they see in an Apple

Store.

Final fashion tip

Okay now back to fall fashion for a moment: Those of you still wearing white after Labour

Day — more power to you. It's not a fashion hill I am prepared to die on, but for solidarity, I will continue with the white underwear.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Your emotions are all over the place and for that reason you are advised not to make any spur-of-the-moment decisions where affairs of the heart are concerned. You could start something you cannot stop.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Why are you focusing on the one little thing that appears to be going wrong in your life when so many bigger things are going right? Whatever the reason you need to get over it.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Some kind of setback could throw you out of your stride today, but overall things are very much in your favour at the moment so there is no need to panic. The recipe for happiness is simple: worry less, love more.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You think you know everything about a certain person but what happens over the next 24 hours will show you don't know the half of it. And you'll realize it's a great surprise.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Someone you are fond of may have done something of which you don't approve but there is no need to make an issue of it. If you love them, you should give them your full support.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Not everyone is as poised and graceful as you so if a friend or relative falls flat on their face today try not to laugh... too much. Of course, if they keep falling over there may be something seriously wrong.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Whatever else you do today, don't get involved in other people's domestic situations. Even if you know you can help, your intervention won't be appreciated. Be smart and keep your distance.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Something has put you on edge and you don't like it one bit. The best thing to do is to put a name to the problem and then deal with it efficiently and ruthlessly.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

What you feel rather than what you think counts for more today. No matter how good a deal may look on paper if your instincts tell you there is something not quite right, you would be wise to turn it down.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Capricorns are not as detached as some people seem to think they are and what happens over the next couple of days will give you a chance to prove it. Be happy. Be warm.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You give off powerful vibrations that attract people to you and they will get more powerful still over the next 48 hours while the moon is new. Just make sure all these new friends don't cost you lots of money.

♓ Pisces

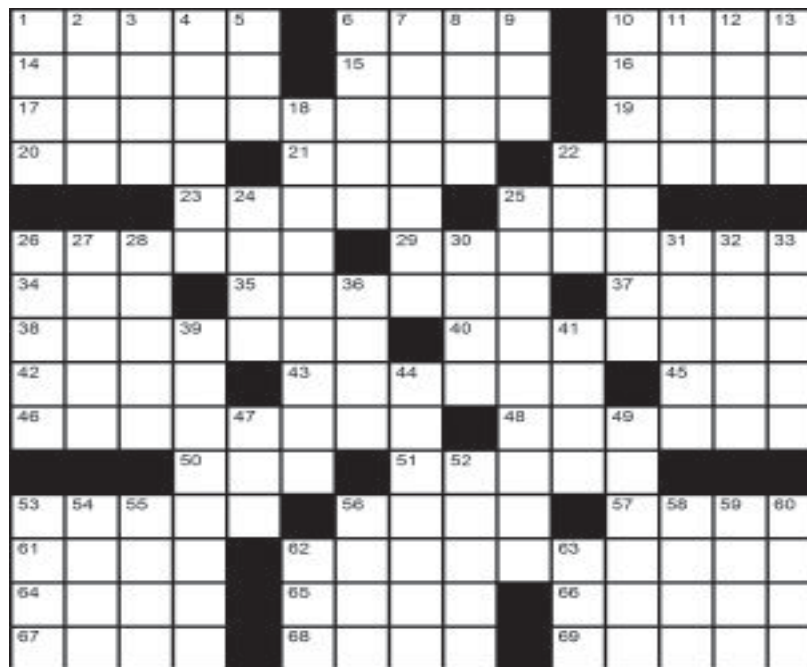
Feb. 20 - March 20

A little bit of flattery will go a long way today and will go even further tomorrow when the moon is new in your opposite sign. Just don't say things you don't mean — that's just dishonest. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. "If I ___ so myself..."
6. Large lot
10. Yarn ball
14. Singer/song-writer Fiona
15. Murmurs
16. Mystical light
17. California cracks: 2 wds.
19. Splashy stuff
20. Drive—
21. Betting likeli-hoods
22. Sensible
23. Washing cycle
25. Feel sick
26. Belgium seaport
29. Canadian correspondent on NBC's "Dateline" who is Matthew Perry's stepfather, Keith ___
34. Occupational suffix
35. French brandy
37. Robert De ___
38. Canadian rowing great/Olympian, Silken ___
40. Carol ___ (Canadian author born in Oak Park, Illinois)
42. Other: Spanish
43. Rubenesque
45. "Rubber Ball" singer Bobby
46. Kibbles holder, as opposed to water: 2 wds.
48. Facing



50. Gold: Spanish
51. Roberta Flack's "The First Time ___ Saw Your Face"
53. #49-Down inspired this writer's 'Pooh' books, A.A. ___ (b.1882 - d.1956)
56. Secular
57. California wine valley
61. Similar
62. Contents

64. Ms. Ward
65. ___ the finish: 2 wds.
66. Abercrombie & ___
67. Eleventh letters
68. Queen's "Radio ___"
69. Ruffle, as '80s hairstyles

Down

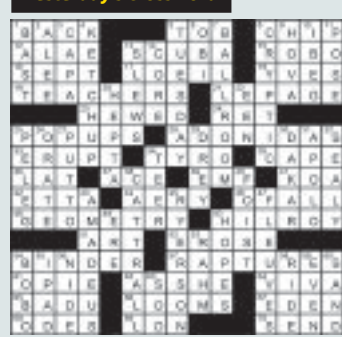
1. Electro music's ___ Punk

2. Moonfish
3. Prod
4. Magnetism
5. Nevertheless
6. Citric, and others
7. Strongly denounce
8. Egg masses
9. Twisty turn
10. Alberta is named in honour of Queen Victoria's sixth child, Princess Louise ___ Alberta (b.1848 -

- d.1939)
11. Hawaiian feast
12. CNN's "___ Burnett OutFront"
13. Harry Potter's prop
18. #49-Down became popular at England's what?: 2 wds.
22. Gentleman's title
24. King Atahualpa, for one
25. Building designer

26. ___ Olay
27. "From ___ shining...": 2 wds.
28. 'The Hub' of Nova Scotia
30. Brewer's kiln
31. Region's forest trees
32. Command
33. Rudolph, red—
36. Chew
39. "Vogue" singer's namesakes
41. Mr. Stravinsky
44. Horrid stop-over, ___ motel
47. 1990s gold mining scandal, ___-X
49. Canada's most famous bear which belonged to WWI soldier Harry Colebourn
52. Panorama
53. Conceal
54. Swedish furniture store
55. Flower type
56. Roman moon goddess
58. Official records
59. Bench press muscles, for short
60. "I think it's ___," ...said the vet of the newly born puppy
62. 'John Hancock', e.g.
63. Ship's stern

Yesterday's Crossword

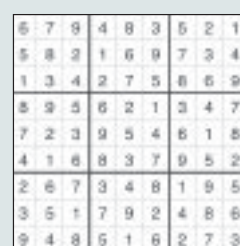


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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Variable

Thursday

32°/18°

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